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STATEMENT OF THE

First National Bank of Ada, Oklahoma

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 15, 1908

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	\$105,187.3	LIABILITIES:	\$50,000.00
U. S. Bonds and Premiums	17,962.50	Surplus and Profits	9,665.50
Bonds, Securities, etc.,	3,556.30	Circulation	17,500.00
Building, Fur. and fixt.	14,331.70	DEPOSITS	112,006.47
Other real estate	4,111.50		
Cash and Exchange	44,022.63		
	\$189,171.97		\$189,171.97

The above statement is correct.

M. D. TIMBERLAKE, Cashier.

SHORTAGE IN SCHOOL TEACHERS

Estimated that 1200 Are Needed in
Eastern Oklahoma.

Tahlequah, Okla., July 31.—Practically every county normal school for the training and the examination of teachers for certificates to the

forty counties in Eastern Oklahoma, that was formerly Indian Territory, has closed and the results show a startling shortage of teachers in practically every county. It is impossible at this time to get exact figures on the number of teachers that will be needed, but the best estimate that can be secured comes from the government school authorities and is placed at 1200.



A MAN SINKS HIS MONY.

Sometimes in poor speculations that give him no satisfaction and no returns for his money. Recent developments have proven that real estate is the only solid investment for money. If you buy one of the vacant lots that we are now offering you not only have a good safe investment, but one that improves in value daily.

Let Us Show You

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Office: Ada Nat'l Bank Bldg

The Tale of an Old Straw Hat.

is easily told. A fellow was wearing an old, dirty straw hat; his sweetheart raised serious objections; so he went down to Gwin-Mays & Co.'s and purchased a 10c package of

ELKY'S STRAW HAT CLEANER

and now his girl is delighted, for the hat looks like a brand new straw.

DRUGS AND THINGS

USE S. W. P. OR HAMMAR PAINT.

Gwin-Mays & Co.

The Ada Druggists

"We run a drug store and nothing more"

TELEPHONE 91

SALOONS OPEN IN OKLAHOMA

Claim the Billups Booze Bill Was not Legally Passed--Prohibition Ef- fective Without That Law.

Muskogee, Ok., July 31.—By agreement eight saloons were opened up here this morning and over bars which were so familiar to Oklahomans in the pre-prohibition days white clad bartenders are dealing out the prime beers of Milwaukee, St. Louis and the other famous towns.

It is openly charged here that the saloons are paying a tribute of fifty dollars a month to the city treasurer for the right to operate.

Mayor Leo Bennett is out of the city today but Chief of Police Ledbetter has not decided what action is best for him to take. It is said that Ledbetter does not feel that he had better act until the return of Bennett from St. Louis where he has gone on a business mission for the city.

It is reported here that the opening of the saloon is but a portion of a general agreement among keepers of blind tigers in various towns of the new state by which all were to open on the same day. It was common report here that 26 blind tigers of Oklahoma City were to open their eyes and sell drinks over the bar in the old fashioned way.

Reliable reports received here from Checotah are that four saloons were opened there in keeping with the agreement and reports from Eufaula are that three were opened there.

Fifty Blind Tigers in Tulsa.
Tulsa, Ok., July 31.—There are more than fifty blind tigers now operating here in practically the same manner as they were run during governmental prohibition in the old territory days. Some of the rooms are on the ground floor, some are in the basement and others are in the second stories of the buildings.

Most all of the dives have a bar in connection, and in display are

TACKLES THE LUMBER TRUST

Attorney General West Institutes Proceedings--Governor Haskell Co-operates in the Matter.

Guthrie, Ok., July 31.—Attorney Coal and Coke Company and others who are to be added.

As previously published, the attorney general only refrained from filing the suit yesterday simultaneously with the attorneys general of Kansas and Missouri, owing to the pendency of the writ of prohibition in the supreme court in the case against the Prairie Oil and Gas Company.

Governor Answers Attorney General.

Gov. Haskell last night, however, requested that a suit be brought. In his letter to the governor advising that the papers had been filed the attorney general told of his intention, adding that the suit be instituted the supreme court could neither take offense nor construe it a courtesy, and concludes:

"Allow me to assure you of the great personal gratification I have in knowing that in this action at least our two offices may act in entire accord and harmony."

A reply from the governor to this letter says:

"I am exceedingly glad that you have finally realized that there is a governor in Oklahoma. I have raised no objection to your proceeding on any occasion except where you have usurped the authority of the governor's office, but I hope that practice is at an end, and in which case you will find me ever ready to aid you in your efforts."

25 per cent Discount

on all 2 piece or 3 piece suits

It has been customary never to carry goods over from one season to another. By this idea when the new season comes it gives us a brand new stock with all the new models of the season.

See Our Cut Prices

Our \$10.00 Suits less 25 per cent \$ 7.50
Our 12.50 Suits less 25 per cent 9.38
Our 15.00 Suits less 25 per cent 11.25

Panama hats and the straight rim shapes all go now at clearance prices.

Low cut Douglas shoes at clearance prices:

The \$4.00 low cuts at \$3.50
The 3.50 low cuts at 3.15

Soft negligees, all kind styles and colors from 65c to 3.50

A good assortment of night shirts with collars and without, 65 and 85c

I. HARRIS

The only Exclusive Clothing and Gents Furnishing Goods House in Ada

Established in 1900.

CAPITAL STOCK \$50,000.

SURPLUS and PROFIT \$17,000.

Established eight years ago, and operated under the same conservative management during this time.

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For President: W. J. BRYAN.

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For U. S. Senator: THOS. P. GORE.

For Supreme Court Judge: R. L. WILLIAMS.

For Corporation Commissioner: A. P. WATSON.
(Farmer.)

For Congress, Fourth District: C. D. CARTER.

For Representative Pontotoc County: FRANK HUDDLESTON.

For Flotorial Representative, Pontotoc and Seminole Counties: EDGAR S. RATLIFF.

The present attitude of the railroads with reference to freight rates and their evident intention to advance these rates should give a big impetus to the improvement of every interior waterway in this country that is susceptible of navigation. Water competition will force the railroads to meet water rates and that will hold them in check so far as points located on waterways are concerned.—Denison Herald.

It is well enough to improve the waterways, but this should not be forced by an increase in railroad freight rates. The interstate and state commissions for the regulation of railroad rates ought to be able to prevent injustice being done the shippers and consumers. If the legislation is inadequate, amend it and make it sufficient to meet the situation.

NOT COURTELY TREATED.

Turn out at the primary next Tuesday and vote for Messrs Ratliff and Huddleston for democratic nominees to the legislature. They are deserving and capable.

With fruit trees surrounding Ada and the finest of land for raising watermelons and canteloupes, it is strange that more of these products are not found here on the market. Some individual who would make a specialty of fruits and watermelons served in any quantity from a slice to a whole one—ice cold—would do a thriving business in Ada. And the people who have the land suitable for the raising of this fruit could realize more from it than either corn or cotton.

Judge Grosscup's pack of passes and mysterious letters are telltales against him—Dallas News.

Judge Grosscup not only solicited and received railroad passes for himself and family, but got them through attorneys representing the railroads in his court. Before going on the bench he was a corporation attorney, and it is said that he desires to retire as judge in order to resume that kind of practice, as it would be more profitable to him. The other judge who joined him in reversing Judge Landis in the Standard Oil fine, is as badly smirched with corporation mire as is Judge Grosscup, so what else could have been expected than an opinion favorable to the Standards.

Those citizens of Roff who have been trying to organize a fight to separate Roff township from Pontotoc county and to be adjoined to Murray county are not perhaps in the majority, but they were evidently in control of the picnic arrangements at Roff Friday. These are the men who put out Dr. Cooper and Jno. A. Lee to defeat Messrs. Huddleston and Ratliff. Why do these men want

THE GREATEST CURE FOR COUGHS AND COLDS DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY

GUARANTEED CURE FOR

Croup, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, La Grippe, Quinsy, Hoarseness, Hemorrhage of the Lungs, Weakness of the Lungs, Asthma and all diseases of

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PREVENTS PNEUMONIA

Eleven years ago Dr. King's New Discovery permanently cured me of a severe and dangerous throat and lung trouble, and I've been a well man ever since.—G. O. Floyd, Merchant, Kershaw, S. C.

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to defeat these two men for re-election? Simply because they were in favor of Ada for a state normal and it is practically assured if they are returned to the legislature that Ada will secure a state normal.

The democracy of Pontotoc and Seminole counties will not be deceived and there is no doubt but that Pontotoc's legislators will be returned to continue their faithful service.

PRESS COMMENT.

The farmer who brings with him something to sell every time he comes to town is never disturbed by so-called panics and financial troubles.—Wapanucka Press.

A trust is a travesty on commerce, an insult to manhood, and a menace to freedom. In fact, the real philosopher can find no moral distinction between commercial extortion and highway robbery. Something must be done to make these invisible creatures, called corporations,

DAUGHTER AND GRANDCHILDREN OF BRYAN



Mrs. Ruth Bryan Leavitt and her two children, Ruth and Bradfield Bryan Leavitt.

criminally as well as civilly responsible.—Farm and Ranch.

What is there in the make-up of a working man that causes him to support a party that holds a regular jubilee every time the trusts gain victory over the working people? He may be sane on other subjects, but he is crazy so far as politics goes, and the disease is like rabies in a dog—it causes the victim to bite himself and his friends.—Tupelo Times.

The more one reads about that Standard Oil twenty-nine million dollar fine the more like a shell game it appears. President Roosevelt pretends to be highly indignant over a miscarriage of justice and criticizes

the court in a manner which, had a democrat done it, would lay him open to the charge of being an anarchist. But it is altogether likely that the president and the judges thoroughly understand one another and it is only the little play of politics being played for the election of the credulous public. For what trusts have really been punished by the republican administration anyhow?—Vinita Leader.

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Operation for piles will not be necessary if you use Man Zan Pile Remedy. Put up ready to use. Guaranteed. Price 50c. Try it. Sold by Gwin, Mays & Co.

How's This.
We offer one hundred dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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Half gallon size, per doz. - - - 75c.

Quart, per dozen, - - - 55c.

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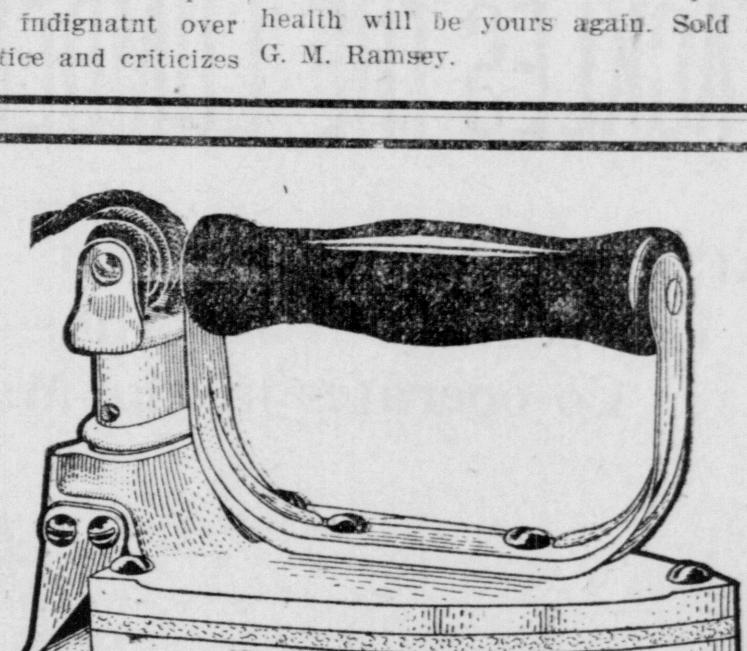
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A PACIFIC ELECTRIC FLAT IRON

We want you to test the iron at our expense. You assume no obligation at all except that you promise to give the iron a good, fair test. At the end of fifteen days, if you don't like it, send it back. Otherwise, pay us \$4.50.

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Hon. A. B. Yeager.

The News wants to say a little something more in mention of the relocation of Mr. A. B. Yeager in Ada, than merely that he is welcome back.

Mr. Yeager's former residence favors his return under flattering auspices, for when he went away he left lots of good friends and he finds them all on his return. The numerous friends he has made during the past three years in the southeast part of the county through his business and newspaper operations from Stonewall, will remain a valuable asset to him in his renewed relationship with the New's contemporary, the Weekly Democrat.

Mr. Yeager and the News editor were associated together a good while at Stonewall in the newspaper business in most acceptable manner and with satisfactory results, and now, though not unmindful that he has become our competitor as business manager of the Ada Democrat, he is as heartily given the right hand of fraternal fellowship as he again takes the management of the Ada Democrat.

When the stomach, heart, or kidney nerves get weak, then these organs always fail. Don't drug the stomach, nor stimulate the heart or kidneys. That is simply a make-shift. Get a prescription known to druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Restorative. The Restorative is prepared expressly for these weak inside nerves. Strengthen these nerves, stimulate them up with Dr. Shoop's Restorative—tablets or liquid—and see how quickly help will come. Sold by G. M. Ramsey.

Oklahoma Commercial School Quits.

T. B. Liner, manager and director in the Oklahoma Commercial school, which has been in operation in Ada several months, informs us that the school has disbanded and that he has made arrangement for the students now enrolled to finish their course without extra cost at Sulphur Commercial College. Prof. Liner has been awarded the principalship of the Allen school and will take up his work there in September.

We regret that this institution has discontinued operation and it is also further regretted that the business men of Ada did not more heartily co-operate with its promoters in its operation.

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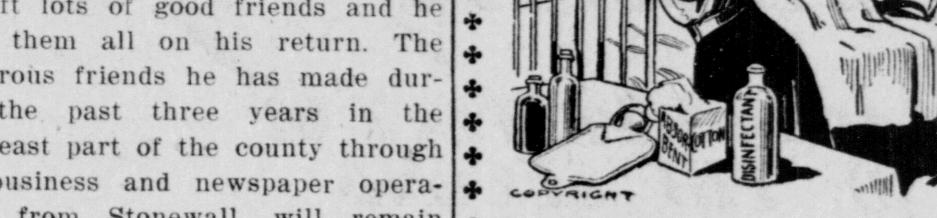
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Geo. S. Sanders Coming.

Frank Jones requests that the News say that Rev. Geo. S. Sanders of Yazzoo Valley will arrive in the city Saturday, and on Sunday at 11:30 a. m., will preach at the North Side Methodist church and at the First Methodist church in the evening. Rev. Sanders is an evangelist of note and has been conducting revivals throughout the country for some time past and agreed to spend next Sunday in the Ada pulpits. Everybody is invited to be present.

Strictly Spot Cash.

Beginning with August 1st goods from my store will be sold for spot cash only. I will make bed rock prices that cannot be beaten.

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If you suffer from bleeding, itching, blind or protruding Piles, send me your address, and I will tell you how to cure yourself at home by the new absorption treatment; and will also send some of this home treatment free for trial, with references from your locality if requested. Immediate relief and permanent cure assured. Send no money, but tell others of this offer. Write today to Mrs. M. Summers, Box P, South Bend, Ind.



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THE SHOE MAN

Hon. A. B. Yeager.

The News wants to say a little something more in mention of the relocation of Mr. A. B. Yeager in Ada, than merely that he is welcome back.

Mr. Yeager's former residence favors his return under flattering auspices, for when he went away he left lots of good friends and he finds them all on his return. The numerous friends he has made during the past three years in the southeast part of the county through his business and newspaper operations from Stonewall, will remain a valuable asset to him in his renewed relationship with the News's contemporary, the Weekly Democrat.

Mr. Yeager and the News editor were associated together a good while at Stonewall in the newspaper business in most acceptable manner and with satisfactory results, and now, though not unmindful that he has become our competitor as business manager of the Ada Democrat, he is as heartily given the right hand of fraternal fellowship as he again takes the management of the Ada Democrat.

When the stomach, heart, or kidney nerves get weak, then these organs always fail. Don't drug the stomach, nor stimulate the heart or kidneys. That is simply a make-shift. Get a prescription known to drugists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Restorative. The Restorative is prepared expressly for these weak inside nerves. Strengthen these nerves, build them up with Dr. Shoop's Restorative—tablets or liquid—and see how quickly help will come. Sold by G. M. Ramsey.

Oklahoma Commercial School Quits.

T. B. Liner, manager and director in the Oklahoma Commercial school, which has been in operation in Ada several months, informs us that the school has disbanded and that he has made arrangement for the students now enrolled to finish their course without extra cost at Sulphur Commercial College. Prof. Liner has been awarded the principalship of the Allen school and will take up his work there in September.

We regret that this institution has discontinued operation and it is also further regretted that the business men of Ada did not more heartily co-operate with its promoters in its operation.

Served as coffee, the new coffee substitute known to grocer's everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Health Coffee, will trick even a coffee expert. Not a grain of real coffee in it either. Pure healthful toasted grains, malt, nuts, etc., have been so cleverly blended as to give a wonderful satisfying coffee taste and flavor. And it is "made in a minute," too. No tedious 20 to 30 minutes boiling. R. S. Tobin.

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Mrs. C. Floyd, wife of C. Floyd, car inspector for the M. K. & T. railroad, and living on East Houston street, Muskogee, Okla., says: "Both my husband and myself have used Doan's Kidney Pills with most satisfactory results. For a long time I was troubled with attacks of kidney complaint and inflammation of the bladder which greatly disturbed my rest nights on account of the too frequent action of the secretions, and which was accompanied with pain. I used numerous remedies but obtained only relief for the time being. A lady friend of mine told me of Doan's Kidney Pills and so strongly urged me to try them that I got a box. I was not disappointed in the results obtained. They went direct to the root of the disease and I felt better after the first few doses, and when I had taken them a short time the pain in my back disappeared and the action of the kidney secretions was rendered normal and natural."

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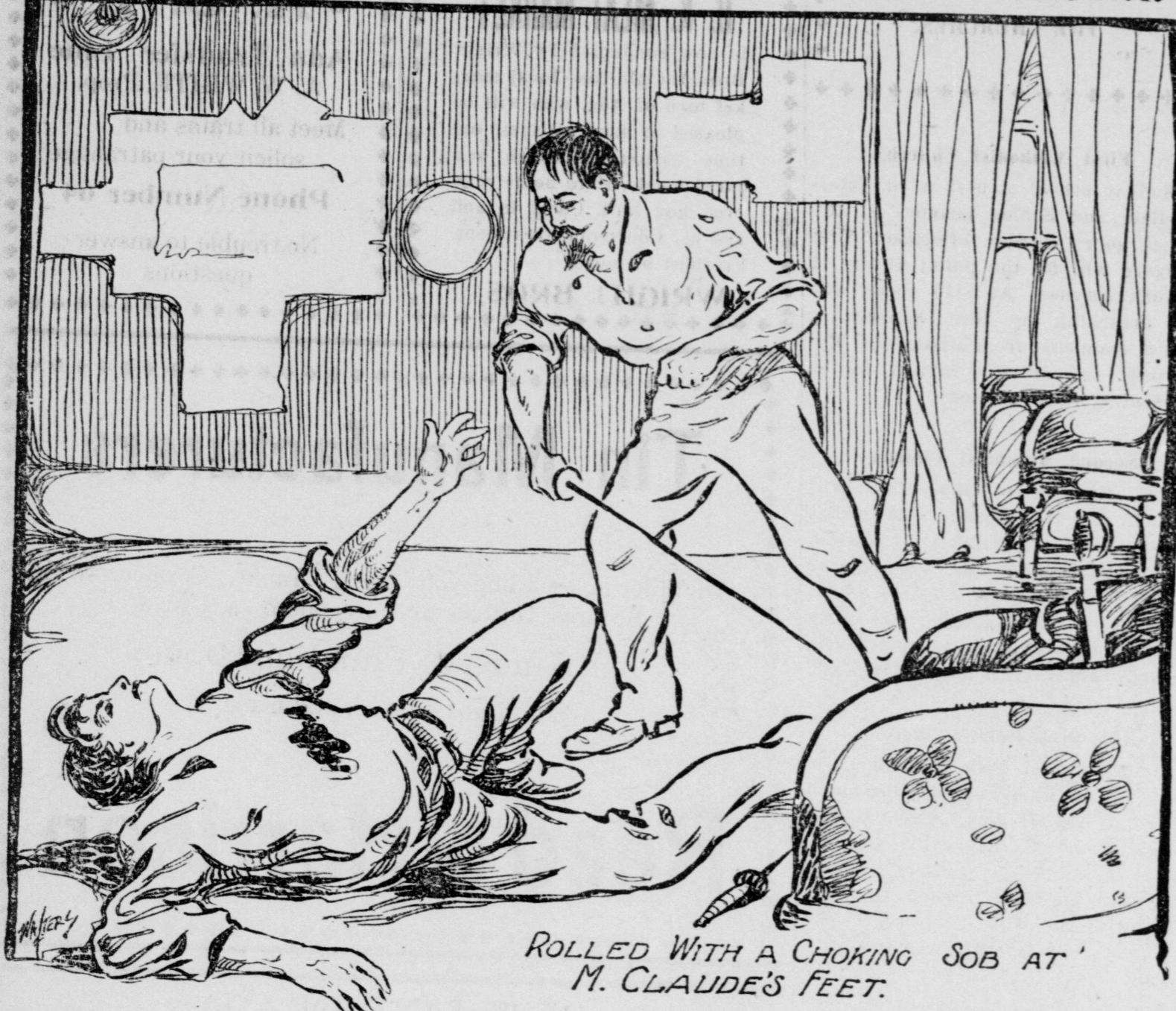
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Edited by George Tickell

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ROLLED WITH A CHOKING SOB AT M. CLAUDE'S FEET.

ON the night of January 14, 1858, the opera house, brilliant with lights, held within its walls the elite of the city of Paris, gathered to witness a performance of *Marie Tudor*, in which the celebrated Mme. Ristore was appearing. But it was not altogether the play or the actress, although both were excellent in their way, that accounted for the numbers and quality of the audience. In the morning the daily papers announced that the emperor, Napoleon III., and his consort would be present at the performance, an added attraction which had resulted in the assembling of a tremendous crowd that filled the house to its utmost capacity.

Outside the theater an immense throng of people also awaited the coming of their emperor.

Suddenly as the last carriage arrived in front of the opera house the strident cheers of the populace were silenced by the crash of a terrible explosion. A shower of bombs had burst upon the pavement scattering death and destruction in their wake and extinguishing the gas lamps with the shock of their detonations. There

Early the following morning M. Claude, having obtained a private audience with his sovereign, found himself alone with the emperor.

"Then," said Napoleon III., "you believe, M. Claude, that this murderous attempt upon our lives is the result of a Bourbon conspiracy?"

"I do, sire," replied the chief; "although the actual perpetrators of the crime were foreigners, chosen with a view of concealing Bourbon complicity."

"You are probably correct in your surmise, M. Claude," said the emperor, thoughtfully. "Of what nationality say you the man is, whom you yourself arrested?"

"Italian, sire," rejoined the chief. "His rightful name is Pieri and from papers found in his possession I am enabled to state that he either was, or is, a member of the Carbonari."

At the mention of the dreaded Italian society with whom he had been affiliated for several years prior to his ascension to the throne of France, Napoleon started and changed color.

"I believe, however," resumed M. Claude, "that in this instance the official heads of the Carbonari did not sanction the outrage committed by their disciples. But the Bourbons cunningly selected as their instruments of vengeance this man Pieri and three accomplices, all of whom are foreigners and members of the Carbonari, in order that suspicion may be directed against the Italian organization. The other three men, Orsini, Gomez and Rudio, are also under arrest, having been captured within an hour following the tragedy."

"Your report does you credit, M. Claude," said the emperor graciously. "But on what grounds do you accuse the Bourbons of complicity in the crime?"

"On grounds that cannot be disputed, sire," responded the chief. "It will perhaps surprise your majesty to learn that the arch conspirator in the affair, although he took no personal part in the attack on the imperial carriage, is none other than the Marquis D'Aldano."

"You speak as though the marquis commands your admiration, M. Claude," said Napoleon sharply.

"As a courageous man, yes, sire."

The sound of a heavy footstep in the corridor interrupted his musings, and starting erect he listened intently. There followed a knock on the

THE SLAYING OF D'ALDANO

door and, D'Aldano bidding the applicant enter, it swung open to admit the square, athletic form of M. Claude.

"Be seated, M. Claude," responded the nobleman, waving his hand with airy grace. "I expected this visit, though I did not anticipate that you would do me the honor of waiting upon me personally."

The chief bowed and seated himself at the opposite side of the table.

"Then," he said, "I presume that you are aware of the object with which I have called upon you?"

The marquis nodded a cool assent. "There need be no concealment between us, M. Claude," he replied. "I know that your duty requires you to arrest me, and I do not complain. I have played for high stakes—and lost. Were our positions reversed I am sure you would meet misfortune as calmly as I do myself. I have always recognized you as a brave man and gallant foe, qualities in which most of the members of your party are sadly deficient, including the grim puppet whom Fate has seen fit to make ruler of our poor France."

"I thank you for the compliment," returned the chief, "but I must beg of you not to exercise too much license in speaking of my imperial master."

"Words, idle words, my dear Claude," replied the marquis, smiling disdainfully. "I will not provoke you further, but surely you can make some allowance for the bitter utterances of one who has thrown the dice for the last time in an unlucky game?"

M. Claude was silent, and the marquis continued.

"Before I accompany you, I have one final request to make that may prove somewhat of a strain upon your courtesy."

"Anything that is in my power and does not conflict with my official duties I am willing to do," was the chief's response.

D'Aldano laughed softly.

"Platitudes are unworthy of you, M. Claude," he said, ironically. "I am addressing you now as a man, not a Napoleonic agent. Understand, I am not proposing that you should allow me to escape. I know that this house is surrounded and one blast on the whistle you carry would bring a score of allies to your side. Therefore, before I make my proposition I will take due precautions to insure us from any intrusion of the kind."

A shade of menace in the tenor of his companion's light, jesting tones grated on the chief's ear, and he was about to rise, when D'Aldano's right hand, which had hitherto lingered under the cover of the table, came into view grasping a silver mounted pistol, the muzzle of which was leveled in a direct line with M. Claude's heart.

M. Claude leaned back and shrugged his shoulders philosophically.

"I think you are acting very foolishly, most noble marquis," he said coolly. "There can be but one end to this as far as you are concerned, whatever fate may have in store for me."

"You may change your opinion when I inform you of my desire," responded D'Aldano, sternly. "Hark ye, M. Claude. Whether I am guilty or not in your estimation of attempting the death of the aspiring parvenu who now usurps the throne of the Bourbons, you will at least admit that the word of a D'Aldano once given is sacred. My honor has never and never will be doubted."

The chief bent his head in token of assent and the marquis continued:

"Very well. I wish to inform you that I have sworn never to be held a prisoner at the mercy of a common adventurer like your present master. To yield to him would only mean a shameful death in the end; if not at the hands of the public executioner, then a fate like that of a dog, by poison or knife stab in the dungeons of Paris. Ah, M. Claude, it is not necessary for me to tell you, who know the secrets of the chateau, how many black, foul murders have taken place in the past when victims of Napoleon's power gasped their last breaths in the dread silence of the night, helpless and unshaven—"

The marquis' voice faltered and he paused for an instant, but the hand that grasped his pistol did not tremble and a light of unflinching determination shone steadily in his eyes.

"For those hapless ones who perished in last night's tragedy I have naught but pity in my heart. The guilt of bloodshed weighs not upon my shoulders but rather on those of the man whom the adherents of the rightful sovereign of France sought to destroy and whose baneful existence made such a catastrophe possible. As for you, M. Claude, you are but a machine owned and operated by a tyrant. Also your reputation proclaims you a model of honesty and strength of purpose. And for that reason I am minded to bestow upon you an honor that will be valued by

you as though the Italian's shoulder.

"Wait a moment, monsieur," he ejaculated, grasping the Italian's shoulder.

"But the other, wrenching himself

free, sprang into the roadway toward

the mass of people that, restrained by

posterity, if not by yourself. First of all, will you give me your word that you will submit to my proposition, which involves no question of my escape? If not I will reluctantly be obliged to shoot you, and then turn this weapon on myself ere your men can gain the stairway."

M. Claude shrugged his shoulders again.

"You leave me scant choice," he said, calmly; "and I am willing to confess that I am not desirous of being dispatched post haste to paradise with the aid of a ball from your pistol. I agree."

D'Aldano laid down his pistol and producing a handsomely chased gold snuff box, inhaled a pinch of the mixture therein with extreme zest. He passed the box to the chief who followed his example and bowed in acknowledgment of the courtesy.

"Now," said the marquis gayly, "I intend to entrust you with a secret which will prove that instead of seeking to avoid, I am indeed courting death."

Removing his coat he bared his forearm, exposing to view a bluish-red puncture about half an inch in length, just above the wrist, which stood out in bold relief against the white skin.

"That mark," he said, tapping the scar gently with his forefinger, "is my passport to another world, M. Claude."

The chief stared uncomprehendingly, and the marquis dropped back into his chair with a light laugh.

"A few hours ago," he said, "when I realized that all avenues of escape from Paris were closed to me, I resolved to adopt a measure which would insure an early death by my own hand, should the boon of dying as befits one of my race be denied. It would have been simpler as well as less painful to have blown out my brains, but I clung to the hope of falling by the sword of a worthy foe, if such a consummation could be brought about. Do you understand?"

"I begin to perceive the drift of your argument," returned the chief. "But may I ask what means you summoned to your assistance in escaping the hand of the executioner?"

"Certainly," assented the marquis. "A man worthy of crossing swords with me is also deserving of my confidence and you shall have it in full. The wound in my arm, insignificant though it may appear, is none the less deadly. It was caused by the prick of a dagger, the point of which had been tipped with poison taken from the diseased bone of a putrid human body. Its extreme virulence would not be made manifest for several hours to come, but I have the authority of one of France's most eminent physicians for stating that such a poison is absolutely sure in its effects. True, one would labor under the trifling inconvenience of enduring intense agony at the final climax, but that is a mere matter of detail with which I am not concerned. Besides, your fame as a swordsman leads me to imagine that I may perchance expire in an easier and more gentlemanly fashion. I think I am not mistaken when I infer that you are one of the best wielders of a good steel blade in this degenerate age?"

"I followed the profession of a master of arms before entering the police service," was the chief's reply.

"Good!" exclaimed the marquis, merrily. "What more could I ask? A man of honest if not noble blood, and skilled in the management of his weapon. I warn you however, M. Claude, that I myself am no novice in the art of fencing."

"If report speaks truly, there is not a swordsman in the country that possesses a stronger wrist or keener eye than the Marquis D'Aldano," returned the chief.

The marquis smiled again. "A truce to compliments, M. Claude," he exclaimed springing to his feet and denuding himself of his waistcoat. "Time presses and an occasional twinge under the armpit, that resembles the stab of a red-hot needle, warns me the poison is beginning to work. And I would fain be at my best during this last tilt with Fortune."

"Be it so, since you insist," responded the chief, as he methodically removed his upper garments.

D'Aldano turned to a closet in the rear of the apartment and unlocking the door, produced from therein two swords of equal length and exquisite temper. He tendered the hilts to M. Claude, who took one in his hand and placing the point on the floor bent it almost double. The little steel blade sprang back into its original shape with a hissing sound when released, and the chief smiled approvingly.

"An excellent piece of steel," he remarked with the air of a connoisseur as the marquis moved back the table and chairs, leaving a clear space in the center of the room.

"One thing more, M. Claude," said D'Aldano gravely. "I wish to assure you that should victory rest on your side I will die, not only devoid of the

slightest feeling of enmity to you, but grateful for the courtesy which you have extended to me."

"And for my part," returned the chief, "I could wish for no more honorable death than to fall by the hand of Monsieur, the marquis."

"I thank you," responded D'Aldano, saluting, "and now—on guard, sir!"

Their blades crossed with a clash. Although M. Claude had passed his fortieth year his habits of living had been such that he still retained the strength and activity of his earlier manhood. D'Aldano, on the contrary, had wasted his vitality to no small degree in the pursuit of those harmful pleasures usually attendant on the excesses of the wine cup. Yet for a limited period of time while his physical powers were unexhausted, he was probably as dangerous an antagonist as the chief could have found in all Paris.

His sword play was magnificent, dazzling as flashes of light, and almost irresistible in its fiery impetuosity. He attacked with bewildering speed from all points of the compass, ever pressing forward, but timing each thrust with an accuracy and determination that not for an instant degenerated into wildness. To this fierce onset M. Claude opposed a cool, steady defense that never faltered. Hand and eye were in perfect accord and the chief's thin, flexible blade seemed to form an impenetrable shield of steel for his entire body. Twice before D'Aldano's headlong assault, but ever regained his first position as the marquis retreated a step in his turn. Once as D'Aldano closed in on his foe he was met by a brilliant counter attack that locked their hilts together, and disengaging, they fell back, by mutual consent and stood regarding each other.

"Rumor did not belie your prowess, M. Claude," panted the marquis, whose bosom heaved and fell rapidly under the lace ruffles of his shirt.

"It did not praise that of Monsieur the marquis sufficiently," returned the chief, upon whose iron muscles the stress of combat appeared to have had but little effect.

D'Aldano wasted no breath in replying, but raising his blade returned to the charge. For a few seconds the air was vibrant with the whistle and ring of steel as they stood exchanging thrusts at close quarters. The strain was beginning to tell upon the nobleman's less seasoned frame, and M. Claude, abandoning his cautious tactics, pressed him vigorously. Suddenly the chief's point darted in serpent-like fashion over his opponent's guard and a crimson spot appeared upon the snow white linen covering the marquis' breast. M. Claude stepped back and raised his weapon in the air as D'Aldano staggered.

"You are hit," he said quietly.

"It is nothing, a mere flesh wound," cried the marquis. "Remember, this is to the death. On guard again, sir."

He sprang forward so savagely that the chief was compelled to devote all his care to parrying the thrusts of the menacing steel, but in a few seconds it became evident that D'Aldano was tiring rapidly. His breath came in labored gasps, and the perspiration trickled in huge drops down his face which had taken on a ghastly pallor. M. Claude, assuming the offensive, drove him steadily backward and knew by the increasing feebleness of his adversary's counters that the end was near. Back, still back, retreated the marquis until the wall was scarce two feet behind him. Here he made a final desperate stand, lunge and parry following in such deliberate succession that the chief, seeing the set pale face that returned his gaze above the marquis' guard, could hardly believe that victory was almost in his grasp.

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But even as a sense of pity for his gallant and failing opponent crossed his mind, there came also the thought that death in this form was the greatest boon that he would bestow upon his antagonist.

Setting his teeth firmly, he beat down D'Aldano's blade with the weight of his nervous arm and sent home the fatal thrust straight and true to the nobleman's heart with all the strength he could muster.

Down clashed the marquis' sword upon the floor, a spasm of agony contracted his face, and clutching wildly at the air he rolled with a choking sob at M. Claude's feet. The chief dropped his weapon and raised the head of the fallen man from the dark pool of blood in which it lay, but not a tremor convulsed the marble-like face and the glaring eyes were set in the awful fixity of death.

M. Claude sighed and blew a long, shrill blast on his whistle. The tramp of hurrying feet resounded on the stairs and a party of men burst into the room. The chief pointed to the silent figure lying on the floor.

"That man attacked me and I was compelled to kill him," he said, curtly.

"Remove the body of Marquis D'Aldano."

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AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 15, 1908

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	\$105,187.8	LIABILITIES:	
U. S. Bonds and Premiums	17,962.50	Capital Stock	\$50,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.,	3,556.30	Surplus and Profits	9,665.50
Building, Fur. and fixt.	14,381.70	Circulation	17,500.00
Other real estate	4,111.50	DEPOSITS	112,006.47
Cash and Exchange	44,022.63		\$189,171.97
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The above statement is correct.

M. D. TIMBERLAKE, Cashier.

SHORTAGE IN SCHOOL TEACHERS

Estimated that 1200 Are Needed in
Eastern Oklahoma.

Tahlequah, Okla., July 31.—Practically every county normal school for the training and the examination of teachers for certificates to the

forty counties in Eastern Oklahoma, that was formerly Indian Territory, has closed and the results show a startling shortage of teachers in practically every county. It is impossible at this time to get exact figures on the number of teachers that will be needed, but the best estimate that can be secured comes from the government school authorities and is placed at 1200.

FATHLY SHOOTS HIMSELF

Waurika, Okla., July 31.—After brooding for three years over a serious difficulty at Bonham, Tex., that resulted in the death of a man named McGuire, L. M. Turner, aged 25, a painter, who resided at Anadarko, attempted suicide today in a fit of despondency by shooting himself twice with a revolver through the breast. He is mortally wounded.

Turner was conscious for several hours after the shooting and told of some of his troubles. "It is true that I had trouble in Texas," he said, "but I was not guilty of murder; I shot in self-defense. My life has been a failure and I want to die." While standing on a street corner at 11 o'clock this morning Turner attempted the suicide. The first ball barely missed his heart and the second was deflected from its course by striking a rib.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wintersmith returned today from a visit with home folks in Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Lizzie Carter of Lehigh, vice president of the Rebecca Assembly of Oklahoma, is visiting Mrs. U. G. Winn.

A MAN SINKS HIS MONEY.

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is easily told. A fellow was wearing an old, dirty straw hat; his sweetheart raised serious objections; so he went down to Gwin-Mays & Co.'s and purchased a 10c package of

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SALOONS OPEN IN OKLAHOMA

Claim the Billups Booze Bill Was not Legally Passed--Prohibition Effective Without That Law.

Muskogee, Ok., July 31.—By agreement eight saloons were opened up here this morning and over bars which were so familiar to Oklahomans in the pre-prohibition days white clad bartenders are dealing out the prime beers of Milwaukee, St. Louis and the other famous towns.

It is openly charged here that the saloons are paying a tribute of fifty dollars a month to the city treasurer for the right to operate.

Mayor Leo Bennett is out of the city today but Chief of Police Ledbetter has not decided what action is best for him to take. It is said that Ledbetter does not feel that he had better act until the return of Bennett from St. Louis where he has gone on a business mission for the city.

It is reported here that the opening of the saloon is but a portion of a general agreement among keepers of blind tigers in various towns of the new state by which all were to open on the same day. It was common report here that 26 blind tigers of Oklahoma City were to open their eyes and sell drinks over the bar in the old fashioned way.

Reliable reports received here from Checatah are that four saloons were opened there in keeping with the agreement and report from Befaula are that three were opened there.

Fifty Blind Tigers in Tulsa.
Tulsa, Ok., July 31.—There are more than fifty blind tigers now operating here in practically the same manner as they were run during governmental prohibition in the old territory days. Some of the rooms are on the ground floor, some are in the basement and others are in the second stories of the buildings.

Most all of the dives have a bar in connection, and in display are

"Let them try to open saloons in any city in this state," said the governor, "and if the officers don't suppress them we will send out our enforcement attorney to the locality and have all connected with the business in jail. If any question has arisen as to the validity of the Billups law I have not heard of it."

The Billups law has never been

passed upon by the supreme court of Oklahoma. Federal Judge Cotterell recently decided that the provision of the law authorizing the seizure of liquor cannot be legally enforced against interstate shipments before the goods have reached

the consignee.

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serve you in all Banking matters as you deserve to be treated—with courtesy and consideration.

TACKLES THE LUMBER TRUST

Attorney General West Institutes Proceedings--Governor Haskell Co-operates in the Matter.

Guthrie, Ok., July 31.—Attorney General West today filed suit in the state supreme court against a number of lumber companies on the charge of violating the Oklahoma anti-trust law, invoking Sec. 2 of the act, and asking that they be ousted from the state, their personal property be forfeited, and in lieu of the latter the imposition of a fine against each of the defendants.

An auxiliary petition was filed asking for injunction and the appointment of a receiver to take charge of their business.

The attorney general's petition closely follows the petitions filed in the Missouri and Kansas suits on yesterday, and is directed against many of the same defendants who are charged as making up the Yellow Pine Association. The allegation is made that the companies held a meeting in St. Louis for the purpose of agreeing upon prices and to limit the output of yellow pine.

The defendants named are Foster Lumber Company, Badger Lumber Company, Clark & Bates Lumber Company, Gleon Lumber Company, Long Bell Lumber Company, Central Coal and Coke Company and others who are to be added.

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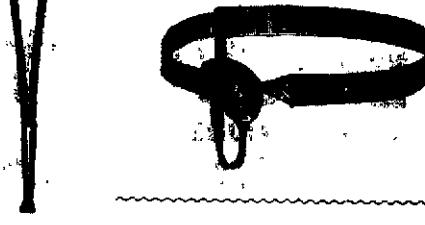
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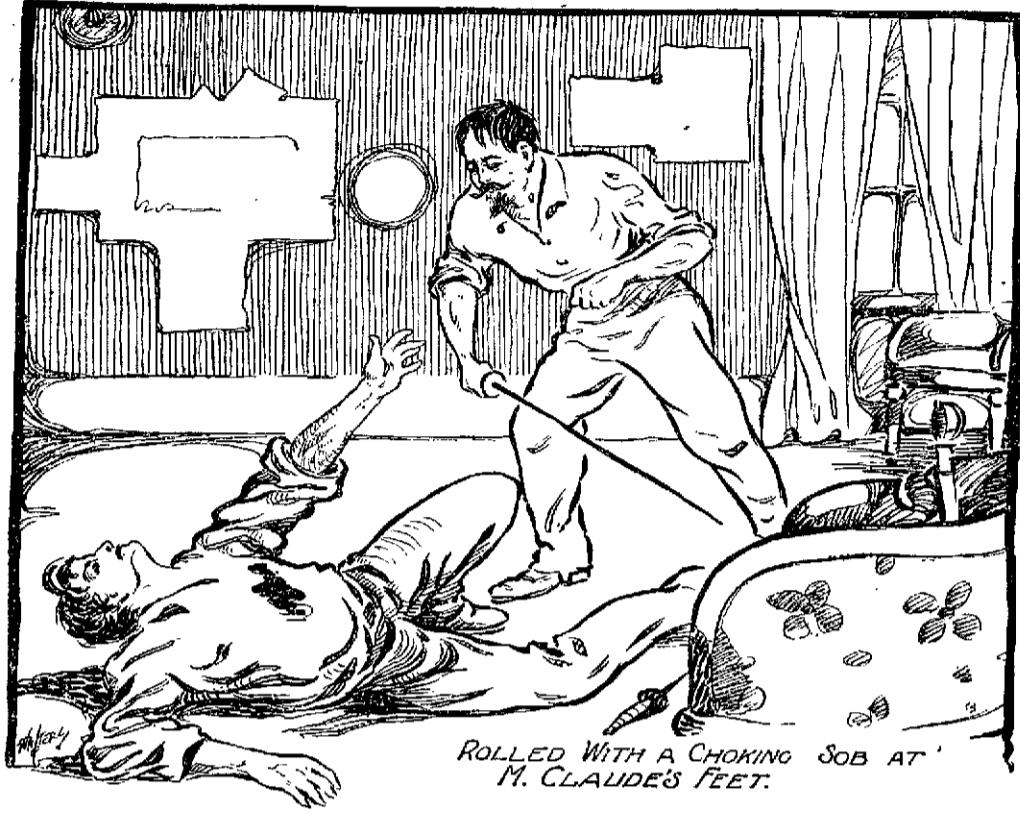
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THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MONSIEUR CLAUDE

Edited by George Tickell

BEING THE CHRONICLES OF A FAMOUS PREFECT OF POLICE DURING THE REGIME OF THE SECOND EMPIRE, IN THE REIGN OF NAPOLEON III. NOW PUBLISHED FOR THE FIRST TIME.



ROLLED WITH A CHOKEING SOB AT M. CLAUDE'S FEET.



N the night of January 14, 1858, the opera house, brilliant with lights, held within its walls the elite of the city of Paris, gathered to witness a performance of Marie Tudor, in which the celebrated

Mme. Ristore was appearing. But it was not altogether the play or the actress, although both were excellent in their way, that accounted for the numbers and quality of the audience. In the morning the daily papers announced that the emperor, Napoleon III, and his consort would be present at the performance, an added attraction which had resulted in the assembling of a tremendous crowd that filled the house to its utmost capacity.

Outside the theater an immense throng of people also awaited the coming of their emperor.

Suddenly as the last carriage arrived in front of the opera house the resounding cheers of the populace were silenced by the crash of a terrible explosion. A shower of bombs had burst upon the pavement scattering death and destruction in their wake and extinguishing the gas lamps with the shock of their detonations. There followed a scorching rain of iron and flame upon the imperial carriage that reeled under the bombardment and must assuredly have been shattered to pieces were it not for the resistance offered by the steel plates with which its body was lined.

M. Claude was one of the first spectators of the tragedy to recover his self-possession. Dashing forward, he fought his way through the crowd to where the wreck of the imperial carriage stood. A glance assured him that the emperor and empress, who had already gained the pavement with the assistance of the Lieutenant in command of their body guard, had escaped with but trifling injuries. Less fortunate had been the luckless ones who had stood in close proximity to the carriage. The death-dealing projectiles had torn wide gape through their ranks and shattered and lifeless bodies lay in twisted attitudes of agony on all sides. As the chief stood with compressed lips viewing the dismal scene, his glance fell upon the figure of a man sitting by the edge of the roadway and looking about him with a dazed expression on his face.

"Are you an Italian?" queried M. Claude, noting the swarthy hue of his complexion.

The stranger, whose faculties seemed to be clearing, replied with a nod of assent and turned to go. As he did so he slipped in a pool of blood that had collected in the gutter and stumbled against his inquisitor, who became conscious of the bulging outline of some dark substance in the side pocket of the workingman's blouse worn by the dark man. A metallic jingle proceeding from the same source still further excited the suspicious of the chief that the stranger might prove to be one of the authors of the outrage.

"Wait a moment, monsieur," he ejaculated, grasping the Italian's shoulder.

But the other, wrenching himself free, sprang into the roadway toward the mass of people that restrained by

the officers from approaching the scene of the explosion, still swayed tumultuously hither and thither. M. Claude saw that his quarry's object was to lose his identity in the crowd and went swiftly in pursuit.

Before the fleeing man had covered three yards of ground M. Claude's iron hand descended upon his shoulder and the fugitive, realizing the futility of resistance, made no further attempt to escape but contented himself with uttering voluble protestations of innocence couched in broken French.

An inspector now making his appearance the chief directed him to search the prisoner. The order was at once carried out, with the result that there came to light, among other things, a five-barreled revolver, a dagger and a small packet of papers. M. Claude thrust the papers into the breast of his coat and after asking the prisoner a few questions, ordered his subordinate to remove him to safe quarters and place him under a strong guard.

Early the following morning M. Claude, having obtained a private audience with his sovereign, found himself alone with the emperor.

"Then," said Napoleon III, "you believe, M. Claude, that this murderous attempt upon our lives is the result of a Bourbon conspiracy?"

"I do, sire," replied the chief; "although the actual perpetrators of the crime were foreigners, chosen with a view of concealing Bourbon complicity."

"You are probably correct in your surmise, M. Claude," said the emperor, thoughtfully. "Of what nationality say you the man is, whom you yourself arrested?"

"Italian, sire," rejoined the chief. "His rightful name is Pieri and from papers found in his possession I am enabled to state that he either was, or is, a member of the Carbonari."

At the mention of the dreaded Italian society with whom he had been affiliated for several years prior to his ascension to the throne of France, Napoleon started and changed color.

"I believe, however," resumed M. Claude, "that in this instance the official heads of the Carbonari did not sanction the outrage committed by their disciples. But the Bourbons cynically selected as their instruments of vengeance this man Pieri and three accomplices, all of whom are foreigners and members of the Carbonari, in order that suspicion may be directed against the Italian organization. The other three men, Orsini, Gomez and Rudio, are also under arrest, having been captured within an hour following the tragedy."

"Your report does you credit, M. Claude," said the emperor graciously. "But on what grounds do you accuse the Bourbons of complicity in the crime?"

"On grounds that cannot be disputed, sire," responded the chief. "It will perhaps surprise your majesty to learn that the arch conspirator in the affair, although he took no personal part in the attack on the imperial carriage, is none other than the Marquis D'Aldano."

"You speak as though the marquis commands your admiration, M. Claude," said Napoleon sharply.

"As a courageous man, yes, sire."

The Marquis D'Aldano sat in solitary state in a large sparsely furnished apartment of the house in the Rue Saint Sauveur. He was a tall, well formed man of aristocratic bearing and haughty demeanor who had not yet attained his thirty-sixth year. On the table beside him stood a goblet half filled with wine and surrounded by a litter of papers which the occupant of the room had just finished perusing.

Bending his gaze on the faintly glowing embers of a scanty fire burning listlessly in an open grate, the marquis mused silently, a melancholy smile lingering on his pale, stern face.

A passing car rattling noisily along the stony street outside awoke him from his reverie, and turning he swept his hand across the table securing the scattered papers which he thrust in a bundle into a fire. The languid flames sprang swiftly into renewed life and devoured the sacrifice greedily. Then the fiery tongues, their mission accomplished, died away into oblivion and D'Aldano watching saw that naught remained of the documents save a pile of gray ashes.

"An emblem of human hopes and ambitions," he murmured aloud. "A momentary burst of enthusiasm, the splendid light of a false beacon that glows fitfully on the royal road to ruin—then darkness—oblivion—Death! Well, come what may, the agents of Napoleon will find nothing here to reward their curious zeal, saving yonder dull heap of ashes and myself—"

The sound of a heavy footstep in the corridor interrupted his musings, and starting erect he listened intently. There followed a knock on the

door and, D'Aldano blinding the applicant enter, it swung open to admit the square, athletic form of M. Claude.

"Be seated, M. Claude," responded the nobleman, waving his hand with airy grace. "I expected this visit, though I did not anticipate that you would do me the honor of waiting upon me personally."

The chief bowed and seated himself at the opposite side of the table.

"Then," he said, "I presume that you are aware of the object with which I have called upon you?"

The marquis nodded a cool assent.

"There need be no concealment between us, M. Claude," he replied. "I know that your duty requires you to arrest me, and I do not complain. I have played for high stakes—and lost. Were our positions reversed I am sure you would meet misfortune as calmly as I do myself. I have always recognized you as a brave man and gallant foe, qualities in which most of the members of your party are sadly deficient, including the grim puppet whom Fate has seen fit to make ruler of our poor France."

"I thank you for the compliment," returned the chief, "but I must beg of you not to exercise too much license in speaking of my imperial master."

"Words, idle words, my dear Claude," replied the marquis, smiling disdainfully. "I will not provoke you further, but surely you can make some allowance for the bitter utterances of one who has thrown the dice for the last time in an unlucky game?"

M. Claude was silent, and the marquis continued.

"Before I accompany you, I have one final request to make that may prove somewhat of a strain upon your courtesy."

"Anything that is in my power and does not conflict with my official duties I am willing to do," was the chief's response.

D'Aldano laughed softly.

"Platitudes are unworthy of you, M. Claude," he said, ironically. "I am addressing you now as a man, not a Napoleonic agent. Understand, I am not proposing that you should allow me to escape. I know that this house is surrounded and one blast on the whistle you carry would bring a score of allies to your side. Therefore, before I make my proposition I will take due precautions to insure us from any intrusion of the kind."

A shade of menace in the tenor of his companion's light, jesting tones grated on the chief's ear, and he was about to rise, when D'Aldano's right hand, which had hitherto lingered under the cover of the table, came into view grasping a silver mounted pistol, the muzzle of which was leveled in a direct line with M. Claude's heart.

M. Claude leaned back and shrugged his shoulders philosophically.

"I think you are acting very foolishly, most noble marquis," he said coolly. "There can be but one end to this as far as you are concerned, whatever fate may have in store for me."

"You may change your opinion when I inform you of my desire," responded D'Aldano, sternly. "Hark ye, M. Claude. Whether I am guilty or not in your estimation of attempting the death of the aspiring parvenu who now usurps the throne of the Bourbons, you will at least admit that the word of a D'Aldano once given is sacred. My honor has never and never will be doubted."

The chief bent his head in token of assent and the marquis continued:

"Very well, I wish to inform you that I have sworn never to be held a prisoner at the mercy of a common adventurer like your present master. To yield to him would only mean a shameful death in the end; if not at the hands of the public executioner, then a fate like that of a dog, by poison or knife stab in the dungeons of Paris. Ah, M. Claude, it is not necessary for me to tell you, who know the secrets of the chateau, how many black, foul murders have taken place in the past when victims of Napoleon's power gasped their last breaths in the dread silence of the night, helpless and unshaven—"

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"For those hapless ones who perished in last night's tragedy I have naught but pity in my heart. The guilt of bloodshed weighs not upon my shoulders but rather on those of the man whom the adherents of the rightful sovereign of France sought to destroy and whose baneful existence made such a catastrophe possible. As for you, M. Claude, you are but a machine owned and operated by a tyrant. Also your reputation proclaims you a model of honesty and strength of purpose. And for that reason I am minded to bestow upon you an honor that will be valued by

postponing, if not by yourself. First of all, will you give me your word that you will submit to my proposition, which involves no question of my escape? If not I will reluctantly be obliged to shoot you, and then turn this weapon on myself ere your men can gain the stairway."

M. Claude shrugged his shoulders again.

"You leave me scant choice," he said, calmly; "and I am willing to confess that I am not desirous of being dispatched post haste to paradise with the aid of a ball from your pistol, I agree."

D'Aldano laid down his pistol and producing a handsomely chased gold snuff box, inhaled a pinch of the mixture therein with extreme zest. He passed the box to the chief who followed his example and bowed in acknowledgment of the courtesy.

"Now," said the marquis gayly, "I intend to entrust you with a secret which will prove that instead of seeking to avoid, I am indeed courting death."

Removing his coat he bared his forearm, exposing to view a bluish-red puncture about half an inch in length, just above the wrist, which stood out in bold relief against the white skin.

"That mark," he said, tapping the scar gently with his forefinger, "is my passport to another world, M. Claude."

The chief stared uncomprehendingly, and the marquis dropped back into his chair with a light laugh.

"A few hours ago," he said, "when I realized that all avenues of escape from Paris were closed to me, I resolved to adopt a measure which would insure an early death by my own hand, should the boon of dying as befits one of my race be denied. It would have been simpler as well as less painful to have blown out my brains, but I clung to the hope of falling by the sword of a worthy foe, man, if such a consummation could be brought about. Do you understand?"

"I begin to perceive the drift of your argument," returned the chief. "But may I ask what means you summon to your assistance in escaping the hand of the executioner?"

"Certainly," assented the marquis. "A man worthy of crossing swords with me is also deserving of my confidence and you shall have it in full. The wound in my arm, insignificant though it may appear, is none the less deadly. It was caused by the prick of a dagger, the point of which had been tipped with poison taken from the diseased bone of a putrid human body. Its extreme virulence would not be made manifest for several hours to come, but I have the authority of one of France's most eminent physicians for stating that such a poison is absolutely sure in its effects. True, one would labor under the trifling inconvenience of enduring intense agony at the final climax, but that is a mere matter of detail with which I am not concerned. Besides, your fame as a swordsman leads me to imagine that I may perchance expire in an easier and more gentlemanly fashion. I think I am not mistaken when I infer that you are one of the best wielders of a good steel sword in this degenerate age?"

"I followed the profession of a master of arms before entering the police service," was the chief's reply.

"Good!" exclaimed the marquis, merrily. "What more could I ask? A man of honest if not noble blood, and skilled in the management of his weapon. I warn you however, M. Claude, that I myself am no novice in the art of fencing."

"It speaks truly, there is not a swordsman in the country that surpasses a stronger wrist or keener eye than the Marquis D'Aldano," returned the chief.

The marquis smiled again. "A truce to compliments, M. Claude," he exclaimed springing to his feet and denuding himself of his waistcoat. "Time pressed and an occasional twinge under the armpit, that resembles the stab of a red-hot needle, warns me the poison is beginning to work. And I would fain be at my best during this last tilt with Fortune."

"Be it so, since you insist," responded the chief, as he methodically removed his upper garments.

D'Aldano turned to a closet in the rear of the apartment and unlocking the door, produced from therein two swords of equal length and exquisite temper. He tendered the hilts to M. Claude, who took one in his hand and placing the point on the floor bent it almost double. The little steel blade sprang back into its original shape with a hissing sound when released, and the chief smiled approvingly.

"An excellent piece of steel," he remarked with the air of a connoisseur as the marquis moved back the table and chairs, leaving a clear space in the center of the room.

"One thing more, M. Claude," said D'Aldano gravely, "I wish to assure you that should victory rest on your side I will die, not only devoid of the

slightest feeling of enmity to you, but grateful for the courtesy which you have extended to me."

"And for my part," returned the chief, "I could wish for no more honorable death than to fall by the hand of Monsieur, the marquis."

"I thank you," responded D'Aldano, saluting, "and now—on guard, sir!" Their blades crossed with a clash.

Although M. Claude had passed his fortieth year his habits of living had been such that he still retained the strength and activity of his earlier manhood. D'Aldano, on the contrary, had wasted his vitality to no small degree in the pursuit of those harmful pleasures usually attendant on the excesses of the wine cup. Yet for a limited period of time while his physical powers were unexhausted, he was probably as dangerous an antagonist as the chief could have found in all Paris.

His sword play was magnificent, dazzling as flashes of light, and almost irresistible in its fiery impetuosity. He attacked with bewildering speed from all points of the compass, ever pressing forward, but timing each thrust with an accuracy and determination that not for an instant degenerated into wildness. To this fierce onset M. Claude opposed a cool, steady defense that never faltered. Hand and eye were in perfect accord and the chief's thin, flexible blade seemed to form an impenetrable shield of steel for his entire body. Twice he gave ground warily before D'Aldano's headlong assault, but ever regained his first position as the marquis retreated a step in his turn. Once as D'Aldano closed in on his foe he was met by a brilliant counter attack that locked their hilts together, and disengaging, they fell back, by mutual consent and stood regarding each other.

"Rumor did not belie your prowess, M. Claude," panted the marquis, whose bosom heaved and felt rapidly under the lace ruffles of his shirt.

"It did not praise that of Monsieur the marquis sufficiently," returned the chief, upon whose iron muscles the stress of combat appeared to have had but little effect.

D'Aldano wasted no breath in replying, but raising his blade returned to the charge. For a few seconds the air was vibrant with the whistle and ring of steel as they stood exchanging thrusts at close quarters. The strain was beginning to tell upon the nobleman's less seasoned frame, and M. Claude, abandoning his cautious tactics, pressed him vigorously. Suddenly the chief's point darted in serpent-like fashion over his opponent's guard and a crimson spot appeared upon the snow white linen covering the marquis' breast. M. Claude stepped back and raised his weapon in the air as D'Aldano staggered.

"You are hit," he said quietly.

"It is nothing, a mere flesh wound," cried the marquis. "Remember this is to the death. On guard again, sir."

He sprang forward so savagely that the chief was compelled to devote all his care to parrying the thrusts of the menacing steel, but in a few seconds it became evident that D'Aldano was tiring rapidly. His breath came in labored gasps, and the perspiration trickled in huge drops down his face which had taken on a ghastly pallor. M. Claude, assuming the offensive, drove him steadily backward and knew by the increasing feebleness of his adversary's counters that the end was near. Back, still back, retreated the marquis until the wall was scarce two feet behind him. Here he made a final desperate stand, lunge and parry following in such deliberate succession that the chief, seeing the set pale face that returned his gaze above the marquis' guard, could hardly believe that victory was almost in his grasp.

But even as a sense of pity for his gallant and falling opponent crossed his mind, there came also the thought that death in this form was the greatest boon that he would bestow upon his antagonist.

Setting his teeth firmly, he beat down D'Aldano's blade with the weight of his nervous arm and sent home the fatal thrust straight and true to the nobleman's heart with all the strength he could muster.

Down clashed the marquis' sword upon the floor, a spasm of agony contracted his face, and clutching wildly at the air he rolled with a choking sob at M. Claude's feet. The chief dropped his weapon and raised the head of the fallen man from the dark pool of blood in which it lay, but not a tremor convulsed the marble-like face and the glaring eyes were set in the awful fixity of death.

M. Claude sighed and blew a long, shrill blast on his whistle. The tramp of burly feet resounded on the stairs and a party of men burst into the room. The chief pointed to the silent figure lying on the floor.

"That man attacked me and I was compelled to kill him," he said, curtly.

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The above statement is correct.

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SHORTAGE IN SCHOOL TEACHERS

Estimated that 1200 Are Needed in
Eastern Oklahoma.

Tablequah, Okla., July 31.—Practically every county normal school for the training and the examination of teachers for certificates to the

forty counties in Eastern Oklahoma, that was formerly Indian Territory, has closed and the results show a startling shortage of teachers in practically every county. It is impossible at this time to get exact figures on the number of teachers that will be needed, but the best estimate that can be secured comes from the government school authorities and is placed at 1200.

FATALLY SHOOTS HIMSELF

Waurika, Okla., July 31.—After brooding for three years over a serious difficulty at Bonham, Tex., that resulted in the death of a man named McGuffie, L. M. Turner, aged 25, a painter, who resided at Anadarko, attempted suicide today in a fit of despondency by shooting himself twice with a revolver through the breast. He is mortally wounded.

Turner was conscious for several hours after the shooting and told of some of his troubles. "It is true that I had trouble in Texas," he said, "but I was not guilty of murder; I shot in self-defense. My life has been a failure and I want to die."

While standing on a street corner at 11 o'clock this morning Turner attempted the suicide. The first ball barely missed his heart and the second was deflected from its course by striking a rib.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wintersmith returned today from a visit with home folks in Louisville, Ky.

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SALOONS OPEN IN OKLAHOMA

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Muskogee, Ok., July 31.—By agreement eight saloons were opened up here this morning and over bars which were so familiar to Oklahomans in the pre-prohibition days white clad bartenders are dealing out the prime beers of Milwaukee, St. Louis and the other famous towns.

It is openly charged here that the saloons are paying a tribute of fifty dollars a month to the city treasurer for the right to operate.

Mayor Leo Bennett is out of the city today but Chief of Police Ledbetter has not decided what action is best for him to take. It is said that Ledbetter does not feel that he had better act until the return of Bennett from St. Louis where he has gone on a business mission for the city.

It is reported here that the opening of the saloon is but a portion of a general agreement among keepers of blind tigers in various towns of the new state by which all were to open on the same day. It was common report here that 26 blind tigers of Oklahoma City were to open their eyes and sell drinks over the bar in the old fashioned way.

Reliable reports received here from Checotah are that four saloons were opened there in keeping with the agreement and report from Buffalo are that three were opened there.

Fifty Blind Tigers in Tulsa.

Tulsa, Ok., July 31.—There are more than fifty blind tigers now operating here in practically the same manner as they were run during governmental prohibition in the old territory days. Some of the rooms are on the ground floor, some are in the basement and others are in the second stories of the buildings.

Most all of the dives have a bar in connection, and in display are

Schlitz Special and Adams Special. There are two forms of brew and tastes as good as beer. But they are not the limit of the contents of the dives, for real beer of any brand, from Green Tree to Schlitz is on tap and ready. Doors of these places are open on the street.

Attorney Fred S. Caldwell, special prohibition enforcement attorney of Oklahoma City, will be here tomorrow to bring a lid. He will put it on if he can.

Guthrie, Ok., July 31.—That the Billups law is not of actual necessity in the enforcement of the prohibition clause of the constitution is the opinion of Attorney General Charles West, to whom the report from Muskogee and submitted tonight. Further than this Mr. West had no statements to make.

Guthrie, Ok., July 31.—When informed tonight that saloons are opening in various cities of Oklahoma on the strength of a report that the Billups liquor law is defective, Governor Charles N. Haskell declared that he had heard nothing about it.

"Let them try to open saloons in any city in this state," said the governor, "and if the officers don't suppress them we will send out our enforcement attorney to the locality and have all connected with the business in jail if any question has arisen as to the validity of the Billups law I have not heard of it."

"The Billups law has never been passed upon by the supreme court of Oklahoma. Federal Judge Cotterell recently decided that the provision of the law authorizing the seizure of liquor cannot be legally enforced against interstate shipments before the goods have reached the consignee."

TACKLES THE LUMBER TRUST

Attorney General West Institutes Proceedings--Governor Haskell Co-operates in the Matter.

Guthrie, Ok., July 31.—Attorney Coal and Coke Company and others who are to be added

As previously published, the attorney general only refrained from filing the suit yesterday simultaneously with the attorneys general of Kansas and Missouri, owing to the pendency of the writ of prohibition in the supreme court in the case against the Prairie Oil and Gas Company.

Governor Answers Attorney General. Gov. Haskell last night, however, requested that a suit be brought. In his letter to the governor advising that the papers had been filed the attorney general told of his intention, adding that the suit be instituted the supreme court could neither take offense nor construe it a courtesy, and concludes:

"Allow me to assure you of the great personal gratification I have in knowing that in this action at least our two offices may act in entire accord and harmony."

A reply from the governor to this letter says:

"I am exceedingly glad that you have finally realized that there is a governor in Oklahoma. I have raised no objection to your proceeding on any occasion except where you have usurped the authority of the governor's office, but I hope that practice is at an end, and in which case you will find me ever ready to aid you in your efforts."

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It is well enough to improve the waterways, but this should not be forced by an increase in railroad freight rates. The interstate and state commissions for the regulation of railroad rates ought to be able to prevent injustice being done the shippers and consumers. If the legislation is inadequate, amend it and make it sufficient to meet the situation.

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Judge Grosscup's pack of passes and mysterious letters are telltale signs against him—Dallas News.

Judge Grosscup not only solicited and received railroad passes for himself and family, but got them through attorneys representing the railroads in his court. Before going on the bench he was a corporation attorney, and it is said that he desires to retire as judge in order to resume that kind of practice, as it would be more profitable to him. The other judge who joined him in reversing Judge Landis in the Standard Oil fine, is as badly smirched with corporation mire as is Judge Grosscup, so what else could have been expected than an opinion favorable to the Standards.

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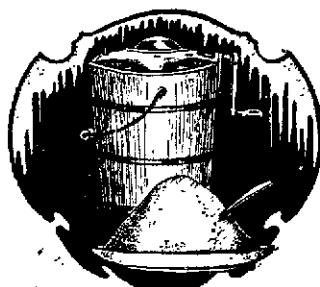
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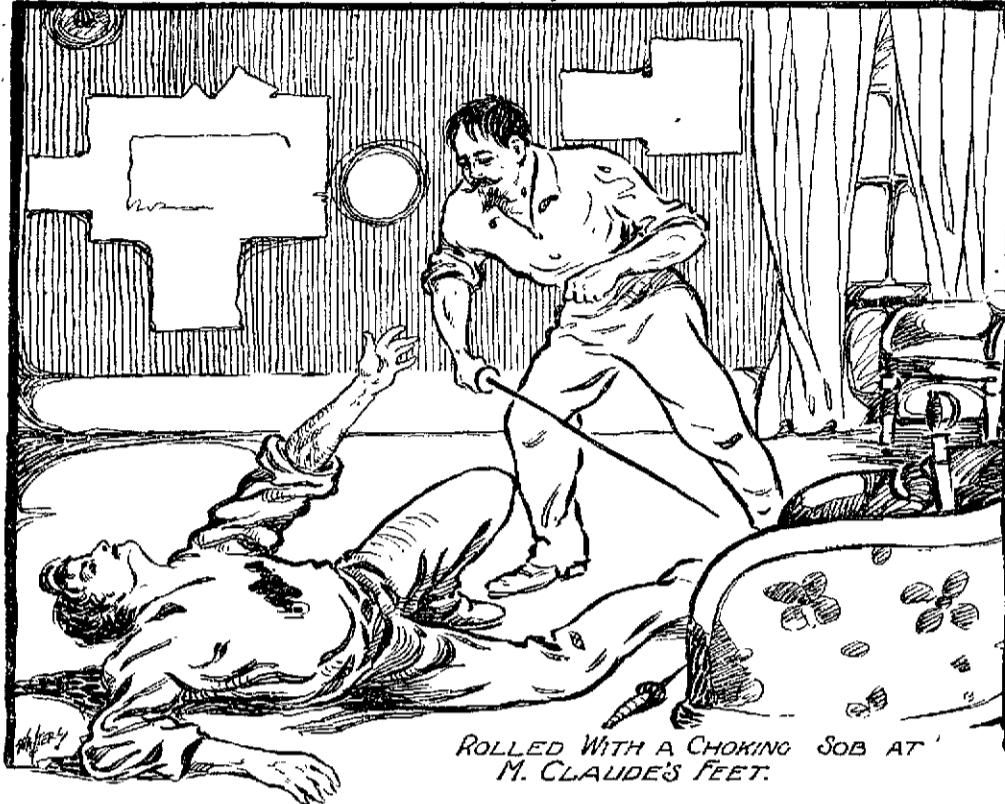
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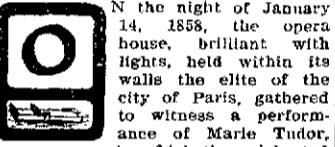
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ROLLED WITH A CHOKEING SOB AT M. CLAUDE'S FEET.



ON the night of January 14, 1858, the opera house, brilliant with lights, held within its walls the elite of the city of Paris, gathered to witness a performance of *Marie Tudor*, in which the celebrated Mme. Ristori was appearing. But it was not altogether the play or the actress, although both were excellent in their way, that accounted for the numbers and quality of the audience. In the morning the daily papers announced that the emperor, Napoleon III., and his consort would be present at the performance, an added attraction which had resulted in the assembling of a tremendous crowd that filled the house to its utmost capacity.

Outside the theater an immense throng of people also awaited the coming of their emperor.

Suddenly as the last carriage arrived in front of the opera house the wild cheers of the populace were silenced by the crash of a terrible explosion. A shower of bombs had burst upon the pavement scattering death and destruction in their wake and extinguishing the gas lamps with the shock of their detonations. There followed a scorching rain of iron and flame upon the imperial carriage that stood under the bombardment and must assuredly have been shattered to pieces were it not for the resistance offered by the steel plates with which its body was lined.

M. Claude was one of the first spectators of the tragedy to recover his self-possession. Dashing forward, he fought his way through the crowd to where the wreck of the imperial carriage stood. A glance assured him that the emperor and empress, who had already gained the pavement with the assistance of the Lieutenant in command of their body guard, had escaped with but trifling injuries. Less fortunate had been the luckless ones who had stood in close proximity to the carriage. The death-dealing projectiles had torn wide gaps through their ranks and shattered and lifeless bodies lay in twisted attitudes of agony on all sides. As the chief stood with compressed lips viewing the dismal scene, his glance fell upon the figure of a man sitting by the edge of the roadway and looking about him with a dazed expression on his face.

"Are you an Italian?" queried M. Claude, noting the swarthy hue of his complexion.

The stranger, whose faculties seemed to be clearing, replied with a nod of assent and turned to go. As he did so he slipped in a pool of blood that had collected in the gutter and stumbled against his inquisitor, who became conscious of the bulging outline of some hard substance in the side pocket of the workingman's blouse worn by the dark man. A metallic jingle proceeding from the same source still further excited the suspicious of the chief that the stranger might prove to be one of the authors of the outrage.

"Wait a moment, monsieur," he ejaculated, grasping the Italian's shoulder.

But the other, wrenching himself free, sprang into the roadway toward the mass of people that, restrained by

the officers from approaching the scene of the explosion, still swayed tumultuously hither and thither. M. Claude saw that his quarry's object was to lose his identity in the crowd and went swiftly in pursuit.

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An inspector now making his appearance the chief directed him to search the prisoner. The order was at once carried out, with the result that there came to light, among other things, a five-barreled revolver, a dagger and a small packet of papers. M. Claude thrust the papers into the breast of his coat and after asking the prisoner a few questions, ordered his subordinate to remove him to safe quarters and place him under a strong guard.

Early the following morning M. Claude, having obtained a private audience with his sovereign, found himself alone with the emperor. "Then," said Napoleon III., "you believe, M. Claude, that this murderous attempt upon our lives is the result of Bourbon conspiracy?"

"I do, sire," replied the chief; "although the actual perpetrators of the crime were foreigners, chosen with a view of concealing Bourbon complicity."

"You are probably correct in your surmise, M. Claude," said the emperor, thoughtfully. "Of what nationality say you the man, whom you yourself arrested?"

"Italian, sire," rejoined the chief. "His rightful name is Pieri and from papers found in his possession I am enabled to state that he either was, or is, a member of the Carbonari."

At the mention of the dreaded Italian society with whom he had been affiliated for several years prior to his ascension to the throne of France, Napoleon started and changed color.

"I believe, however," resumed M. Claude, "that in this instance the official heads of the Carbonari did not sanction the outrage committed by their disciples. But the Bourbons cunningly selected as their instruments of vengeance this man Pieri and three accomplices, all of whom are foreigners and members of the Carbonari, in order that suspicion may be directed against the Italian organization. The other three men, Orsini, Gomez and Rudio, are also under arrest, having been captured within an hour following the tragedy."

"Your report does you credit, M. Claude," said the emperor graciously. "But on what grounds do you accuse the Bourbons of complicity in the crime?"

"On grounds that cannot be disputed, sire," responded the chief. "It will perhaps surprise your majesty to learn that the arch conspirator in the affair, although he took no personal part in the attack on the imperial carriage, is none other than the Marquis D'Alzano."

"You speak as though the marquis commands your admiration, M. Claude," said Napoleon sharply.

"As a courageous man, yes, sire." There followed a knock on the

door and, D'Alzano bidding the applicant enter, it swung open to admit the square, athletic form of M. Claude.

"Be seated, M. Claude," responded the nobleman, waving his hand with airy grace. "I expected this visit, though I did not anticipate that you would do me the honor of waiting upon me personally."

The chief bowed and seated himself at the opposite side of the table.

"Then," he said, "I presume that you are aware of the object with which I have called upon you?"

The marquis nodded a cool assent. "There need be no concealment between us, M. Claude," he replied. "I know that your duty requires you to arrest me, and I do not complain. I have played for high stakes—and lost. Were our positions reversed I am sure you would meet misfortune as calmly as I do myself. I have always recognized you as a brave man and gallant too, qualities in which most of the members of your party are sadly deficient, including the grim puppet whom Fate has seen fit to make ruler of our poor France."

"Now," said the marquis gayly, "I intend to entrust you with a secret which will prove that instead of seeking to avoid, I am indeed courting death."

Removing his coat he bared his forearm, exposing to view a bluish-red puncture about half an inch in length, just above the wrist, which stood out in bold relief against the white skin.

"That mark," he said, tapping the scar gently with his forefinger, "is my passport to another world, M. Claude."

The chief stared uncomprehendingly, and the marquis dropped back into his chair with a light laugh.

"A few hours ago," he said, "when I realized that all avenues of escape from Paris were closed to me, I resolved to adopt a measure which would insure an early death by my own hand, should the boon of dying as befits one of my race be denied. It

would have been simpler as well as less painful to have blown out my brains, but I clung to the hope of falling by the sword of a worthy foe-man, if such a consummation could be brought about. Do you understand?"

"I begin to perceive the drift of your argument," returned the chief.

"But may I ask what means you summon to your assistance in escaping the hand of the executioner?"

"Certainly," assented the marquis. "A man worthy of crossing swords with me is also deserving of my confidence and you shall have it in full. The wound in my arm, insignificant though it may appear, is none the less deadly. It was caused by the prick of a dagger, the point of which had been tipped with poison taken from the diseased bone of a putrid human body. Its extreme virulence would not be made manifest for several hours to come, but I have the authority of one of France's most eminent physicians for stating that such a poison is absolutely sure in its effects.

True, one would labor under the trifling inconvenience of enduring intense agony at the final climax, but that is a mere matter of detail with which I am not concerned. Besides, your fame as a swordsman leads me to imagine that I may perchance expire in an easier and more gentlemanly fashion. I think I am not mistaken when I infer that you are one of the best wielders of a good steel blade in this degenerate age!"

"I followed the profession of a master of arms before entering the police service," was the chief's reply.

"Good!" exclaimed the marquis, merrily. "What more could I ask? A man of honest if not noble blood, and skilled in the management of his weapon. I warn you however, M. Claude, that I myself am no novice in the art of fencing."

"If report speaks truly, there is not a swordsman in the country that possesses a stronger wrist or keener eye than the Marquis D'Alzano," returned the chief.

The chief beat his head in token of assent and the marquis continued:

"Very well. I wish to inform you that I have sworn never to be held a prisoner at the mercy of a common adventurer like your present master. To yield to him would only mean a shameful death in the end; if not at the hands of the public executioner, then a fate like that of a dog, by poison or knife stab in the dungeons of Paris. Ah, M. Claude, it is not necessary for me to tell you, who know the secrets of the chateau, how many black, foul murders have taken place in the past when victims of Napoleon's power gasped their last breaths in the dread silence of the night, helpless and unshaven!"

The marquis' voice faltered and he paused for an instant, but the hand that grasped his pistol did not tremble and a light of unflinching determination shone steadily in his eyes.

"For those hapless ones who perished in last night's tragedy I have

naught but pity in my heart. The guilt of bloodshed weighs not upon my shoulders but rather on those of the man whom the adherents of the rightful sovereign of France sought

to destroy and whose baneful existence made such a catastrophe possible. As for you, M. Claude, you are but a machine owned and operated by a tyrant. Also your reputation proclaims you a model of honesty and strength of purpose. And for that reason I am minded to bestow upon you an honor that will be valued by

posterity, if not by yourself. First of all, will you give me your word that you will submit to my proposition, which involves no question of my escape? If not I will reluctantly be obliged to shoot you, and then turn this weapon on myself ere your men can gain the stairway."

M. Claude shrugged his shoulders again.

"You leave me scant choice," he said, calmly; "and I am willing to confess that I am not desirous of being dispatched post haste to paradise with the aid of a ball from your pistol. I agree."

D'Alzano laid down his pistol and producing a handsomely chased gold snuff box, inhaled a pinch of the mixture therein with extreme zest. He passed the box to the chief who followed his example and bowed in acknowledgment of the courtesy.

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slightest feeling of enmity to you, but grateful for the courtesy which you have extended to me."

"And for my part," returned the chief, "I could wish for no more honorable death than to fall by the hand of Monsieur, the marquis."

"I thank you," responded D'Alzano, saluting, "and now—on guard, sir!" Their blades crossed with a clash.

Although M. Claude had passed his fortieth year his habits of living had been such that he still retained the strength and activity of his earlier manhood. D'Alzano, on the contrary, had wasted his vitality to no small degree in the pursuit of those harmful pleasures usually attendant on the excesses of the wine cup. Yet for a limited period of time while his physical powers were unexhausted, he was probably as dangerous an antagonist as the chief could have found in all Paris.